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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TOAST AT GENSCHER LUNCHEON

FOR S/S: ALAN MCKEE

FOLLOWING ARE THEMES FOR SECRETARY'S TOAST AT LUNCHEON
FOR FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, 1:15 P.M., SEPTEMBER 24:

--I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND I
HAVE SEEN EACH OTHER QUITE REGULARLY IN RECENT MONTHS.
WE HAVE TALKED ON THE TELEPHONE EVEN MORE OFTEN. HOWEVER,
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE MET IN THE CONTEXT OF
A UN MEETING.

--OUR RECENT MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN MANY DIFFERENT
SPOTS RANGING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE BAVARIAN
ALPS TO THE FINAL MATCH OF THE WORLD CUP SOCCER
TOURNAMENT. THIS LAST SETTING WAS MUCH THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT--BECAUSE THE GERMAN TEAM WON THE WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP.

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--LAST WEEK MARKED THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF UN MEMBERSHIP

OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. ALREADY WE HAVE BEFORE US A
PROPOSAL FOR TRANSLATION OF KEY UN DOCUMENTS INTO GERMAN.
BUT I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, MR. MINISTER, THAT THERE IS NO
TRUTH TO THE RUMOR THAT MY OWN DEPARTMENT'S UN SECTION

THOUGHT UP THIS IDEA AS A GOOD WAY TO GET ME TO READ
UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS.

--LAST WEEK'S ANNIVERSARY WAS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR
GERMANY BUT FOR THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC'S ENTRY INTO THE UN DEMONSTRATES THE
INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY IN WORLD AFFAIRS ON ALL LEVELS AND IN ALL
PARTS OF THE GLOBE. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE POSITIVE
IMPACT OF INCREASED GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN WORLD AFFAIRS
HAS BEEN EVEN GREATER THAN WE COULD HAVE IMAGINED A FEW
YEARS AGO.

--OUR GOVERNMENTS FULLY AGREE ON THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN COPING WITH THE PROBLEMS
FACING US. THESE ARE PROBLEMS FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO
SIMPLE SOLUTIONS AND WHICH NO SINGLE NATION CAN COPE WITH
ON ITS OWN.

--I AM PERSUADED THAT COOPERATION IS THE KEY TO SOLVING
THESE PROBLEMS. BY THE SAME TOKEN I CAN GIVE AN EASY
PRESCRIPTION FOR FAILURE--THE KIND OF BEGGAR-THY-NEIGHBOR
APPROACH WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HAS SO OFTEN CHARACTERIZED
THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN YEARS GONE BY.

--THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE US HAVE BEEN IN THE
FOREFRONT OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS MOUNTED IN RECENT YEARS
ON SUCH VITAL ISSUES AS INTERNATIONAL MONETARY PROBLEMS
AND THE OIL SUPPLY SITUATION. MR. MINISTER, YOU CAN BE
SURE THAT GERMAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EUROPEAN COOPERATION
ARE ALSO NOTED AND APPRECIATED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

--IT IS WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S VITAL ROLE IN
WORLD AFFAIRS, MR. MINISTER, AND WITH CONFIDENCE IN THE
CONTINUING CLOSE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
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THAT I RAISE MY GLASS TO YOU TODAY. KISSINGER

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